

**Interagency Wildfire Management Team  
Meeting Notes  
October 22, 2003**

Doug Tucker (Los Alamos County Fire Department) presented a map of the five-year plan for mitigating fuels and restoring forests on County land. Doug also announced that a Firewise workshop will be held at the Eldorado Hotel in Santa Fe on November 5-7. Further information can be obtained at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

Phoebe Suina (Infrastructure Projects, LANL) discussed LANL thinning projects in the southern portions of Rendija Canyon, Los Alamos Canyon near Fairway Drive and the DOE building, and DP Canyon near the condominiums. These thinning projects will complement the thinning activities on County land. The three slash burning units are being dismantled. One will be reassembled at DX, while the other two will be transferred to the Jemez Pueblo and the Santa Clara Pueblo.

Randy Balice (Ecology Group, LANL) has been surveying the mortality in piñon-juniper woodlands in the Los Alamos region. From 2002 to 2003, the mortality of piñon trees greater than 10 feet tall increased from 70 percent to 96 percent. Mortality of trees less than 10 feet tall increase from 38 percent to 41 percent. On November 6, Randy will present these results at a conference for integrating science and management in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Craig Martin (Los Alamos County) described his new position as the County Open Space Coordinator. He will facilitate decision-making for new construction in or near existing open space, will support the Los Alamos Fire Department, and will continue his work with the Volunteer Task Force.

Marla Rodgers and Jim Whittington (Bandelier National Monument) presented the results of the Upper Frijoles Canyon Fuels and Fire Behavior Assessment. The results indicate that mechanical fuel reduction along Highway 4 is not sufficient to prevent wildland fire from crossing the park boundary. Additional fuels treatments using prescribed fire are sufficient to moderate expected fire behavior in existing fuels. Additional fuels treatments may be required up to one mile from the park boundary.

Phil Taylor (Los Alamos County, Emergency Management) announced that Susan DiMauro is departing for a new assignment in Albuquerque. Phil has also been investigating the costs of installing up to 11 emergency notification sirens in the Los Alamos region.

The next IWMT meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, November 5, at TA-21, Building 210 in the RRES-ECO Conference Room (142). The IWMT meets every other week and these meetings are open to the public. Contact Randy Balice ([balice@lanl.gov](mailto:balice@lanl.gov), 665-1270) for further information, or to get on the distribution list for these meeting notes.